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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: ULTRAFINE L-CARNITINE, METHODS OF PREPARING THE SAME,
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THE SAME, AND METHODS OF USING THE
SAME

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated November 29, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

Present Claims 1-3 relate L-carnitine having a particle size such that it substantially passes through a 100 USBS mesh sieve (hereinafter referred to as "ultrafine L-carnitine").

Present Claims 4-6 relate to methods for preparing such ultrafine L-carnitine. Present Claims 7-11 relate to compositions which contain such ultrafine L-carnitine. Present Claims 12-14 relate to methods of treatment using such ultrafine L-carnitine.

The inventor has discovered that the presently claimed ultrafine L-carnitine provides a number of advantages as compared to conventional L-carnitine. The cited references provide